

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 32

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 102, Campos. Lupus Awareness Month.

This measure would designate May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening autoimmune disease; and

WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world, and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, cerebral palsy, sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis, and cystic fibrosis combined; and

WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they are 15 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient, it affects their family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and Lupus-LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through patient and family services, achieve early detection of undiagnosed cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the eradication of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers; and

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month and extends heartfelt encouragement to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and Lupus-LA in Los Angeles for success in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the

Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, Lupus-LA in Los Angeles, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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